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# DAREDEVIL®

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



GUEST-STARRING:  
**SHANNA**  
THE SHE-DEVIL!

YOU DARE  
CHALLENGE ME  
HERE--IN THE  
SKY WHICH  
IS MY  
ELEMENT!

TELL YOUR  
MOURNERS,  
FOOL, THAT  
YOU FELL A  
HELPLESS  
VICTIM  
OF--

--THE  
**SILVER  
SAMURAI!**

**MILE-HIGH  
MAYHEM!**





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FOR A MOMENT, DAREDEVIL PAUSES... WAITS FOR DR. SHANNA O'HARA AND HER UNCLE, ROBERT "IRONGUTS" O'HARA, POLICE COMMISSIONER OF SAN FRANCISCO, TO FULLY AWAKE.



AND WHEN HIS ULTRA-ACUTE HEARING CONFIRMS THAT THEIR HEART-BEATS ARE ONCE AGAIN AT THEIR REGULAR, WAKING RATE...

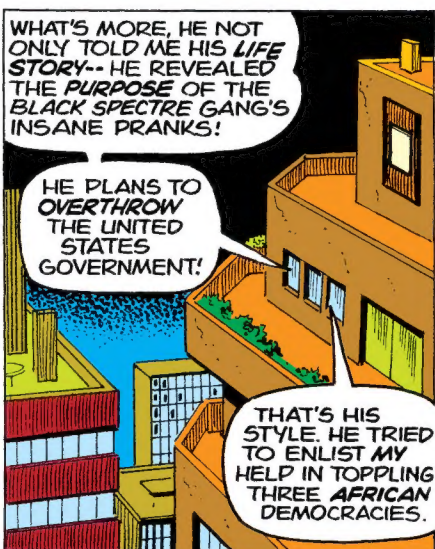
...THE BLIND SUPERHERO CONTINUES HIS BIZARRE TALE.



IT WAS THE MANDRILL, ALL RIGHT. HE HAD THE GALL TO SHOW UP AT MATT MURDOCK'S HOTEL ROOM-- IN PERSON! \*

\*LAWYER MURDOCK IS DD'S OTHER IDENTITY. --ROY.

WHAT'S MORE, HE NOT ONLY TOLD ME HIS LIFE STORY-- HE REVEALED THE PURPOSE OF THE BLACK SPECTRE GANG'S INSANE PRANKS!



HE PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT!

THAT'S HIS STYLE. HE TRIED TO ENLIST MY HELP IN TOPPLING THREE AFRICAN DEMOCRACIES.

BUT I NEVER DREAMED HE'D ATTEMPT ANYTHING THIS OUTRAGEOUS! DID HE GIVE ANY HINT AS TO... WHY?

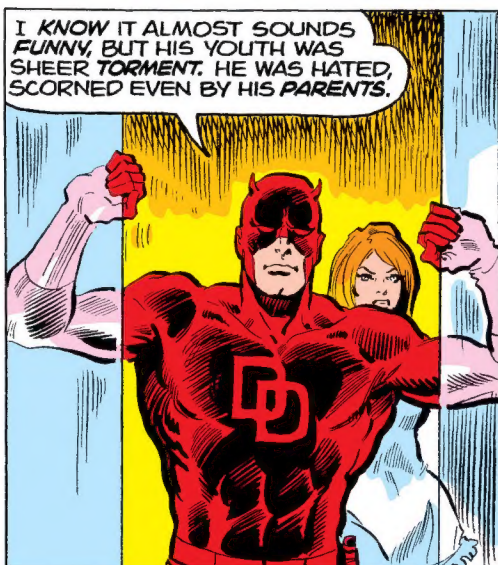


SHANNA, CRIMINALS DON'T DO THINGS THAT WAY!

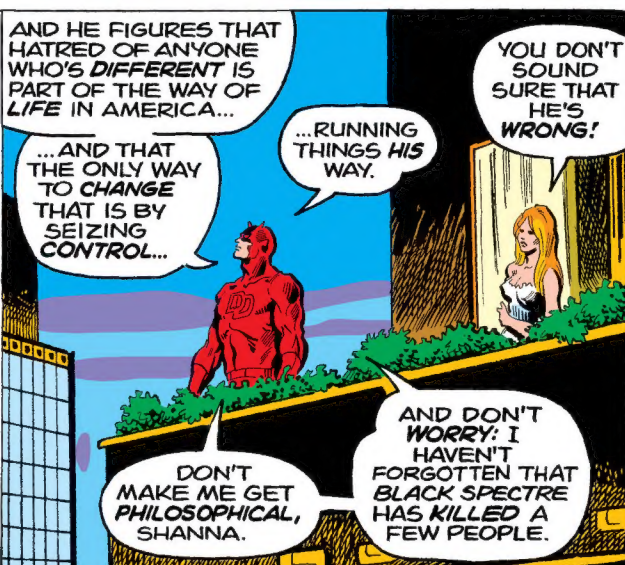
THIS ONE DID, COMMISSIONER.

HE'S A MUTANT, A WHITE MAN BORN WITH BLACK SKIN AND A MANDRILL'S HEAD...!

I KNOW IT ALMOST SOUNDS FUNNY, BUT HIS YOUTH WAS SHEER TORMENT. HE WAS HATED, SCORNE EVEN BY HIS PARENTS.



AND HE FIGURES THAT HATRED OF ANYONE WHO'S DIFFERENT IS PART OF THE WAY OF LIFE IN AMERICA...



...AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO CHANGE THAT IS BY SEIZING CONTROL...

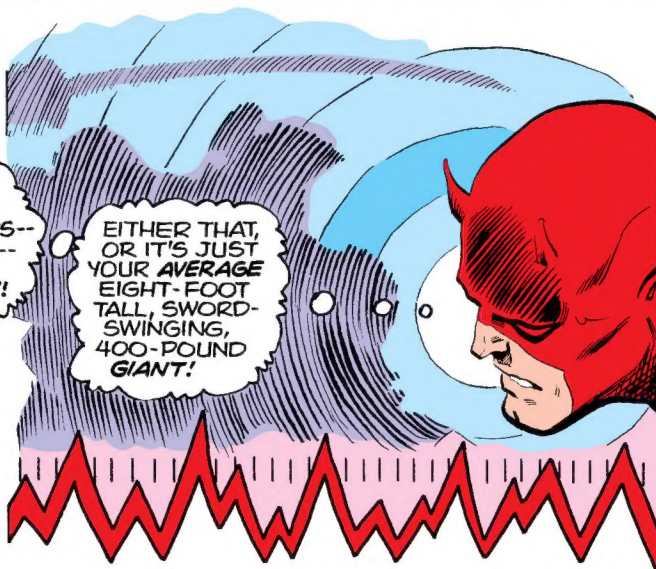
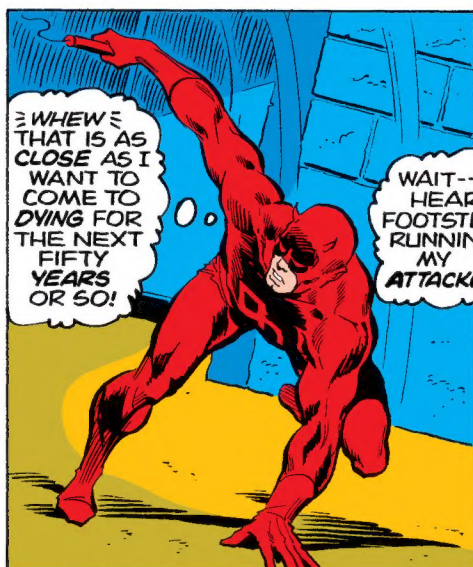
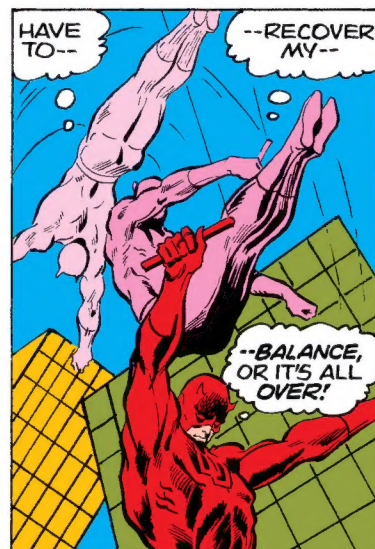
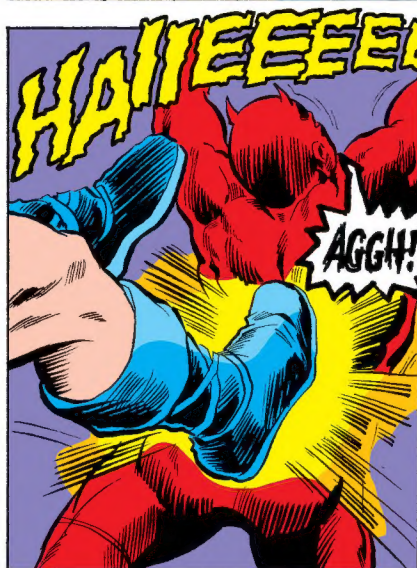
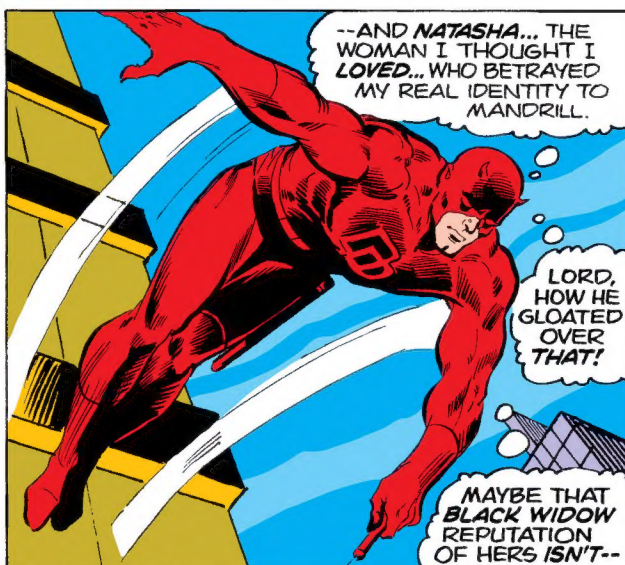
...RUNNING THINGS HIS WAY.

YOU DON'T SOUND SURE THAT HE'S WRONG!

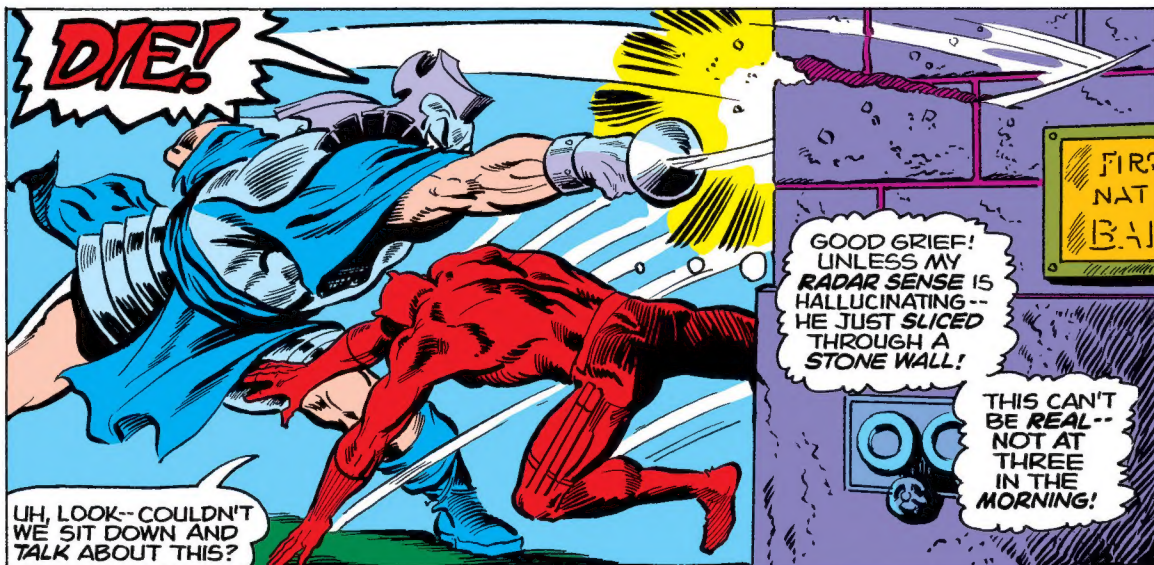
DON'T MAKE ME GET PHILOSOPHICAL, SHANNA.

AND DON'T WORRY: I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT BLACK SPECTRE HAS KILLED A FEW PEOPLE.









UH, LOOK-- COULDN'T WE SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT THIS?

GOOD GRIEF! UNLESS MY RADAR SENSE IS HALLUCINATING -- HE JUST SLICED THROUGH A STONE WALL!

THIS CAN'T BE REAL -- NOT AT THREE IN THE MORNING!



NO, HUH?

WELL, COULD YOU COME BACK TOMORROW, THEN?

SEE, I'VE GOT TO GET SOME SLEEP--!



DIE BY THE AVENGING BLADE OF--

THE SILVER SAMURAI!

IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO STAY OUT OF HIS WAY!



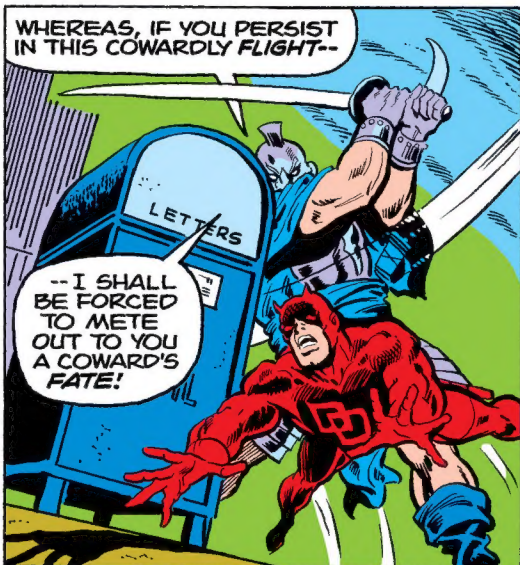
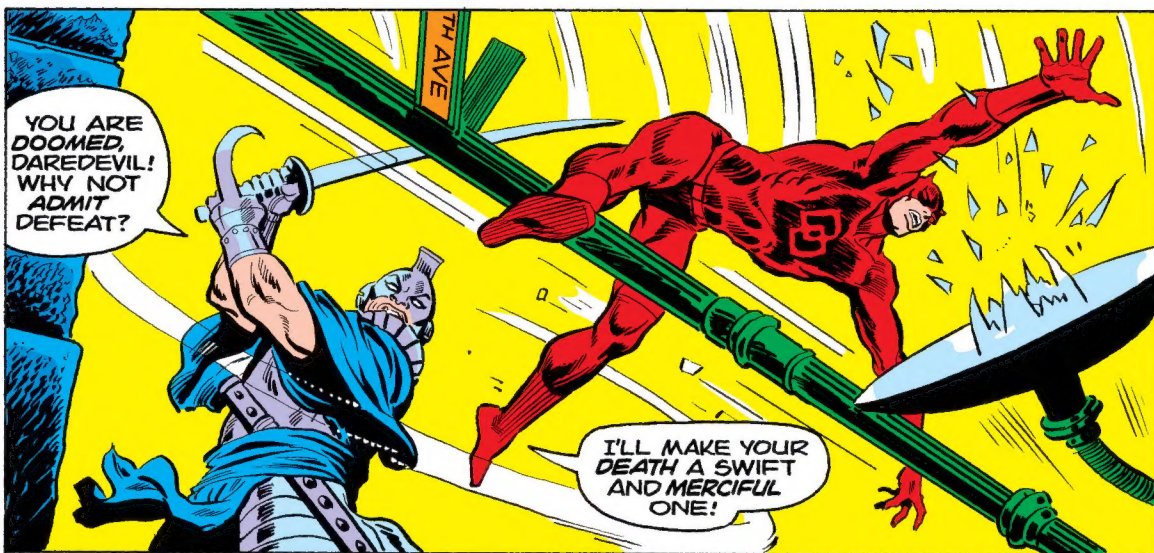
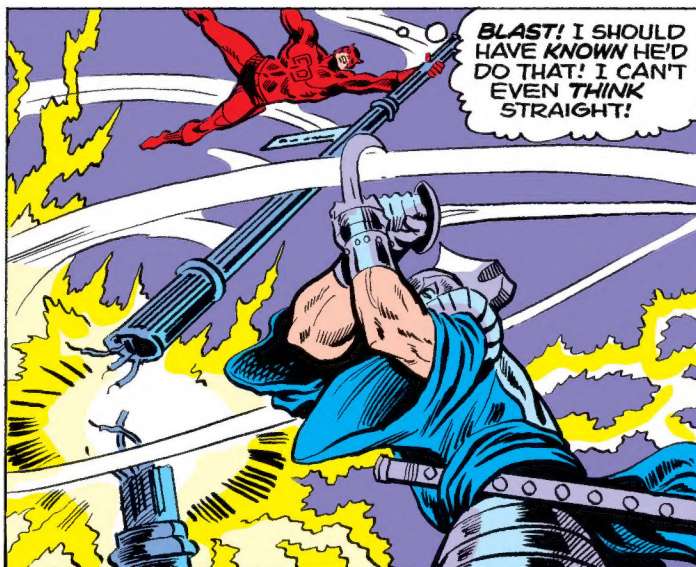
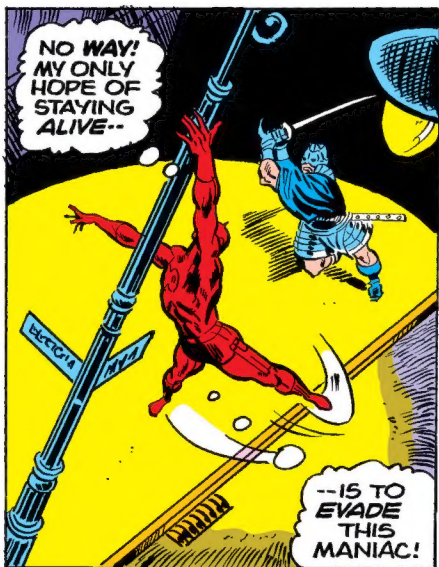
AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO MANAGE EVEN THAT MUCH LONGER!

HE'S WIDE AWAKE-- AND I'M HALF-DEAD FROM FATIGUE!

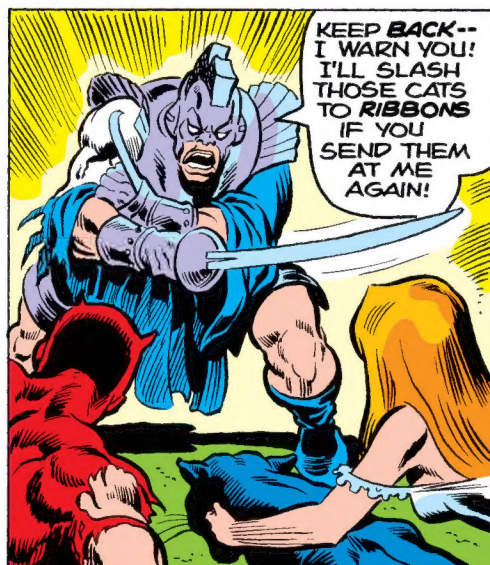
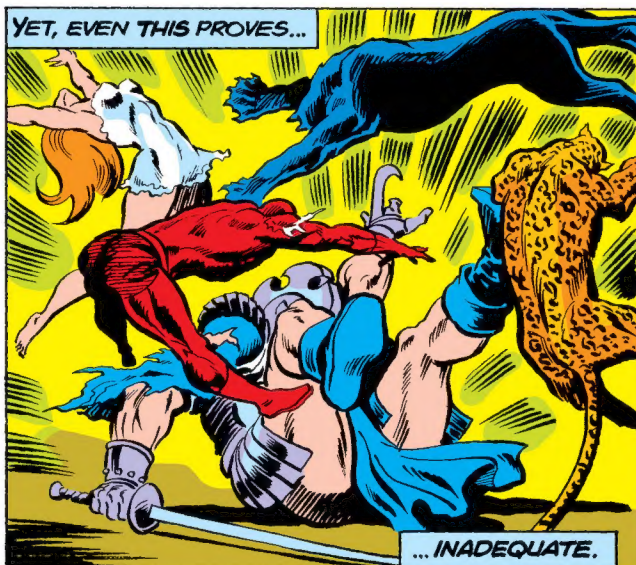
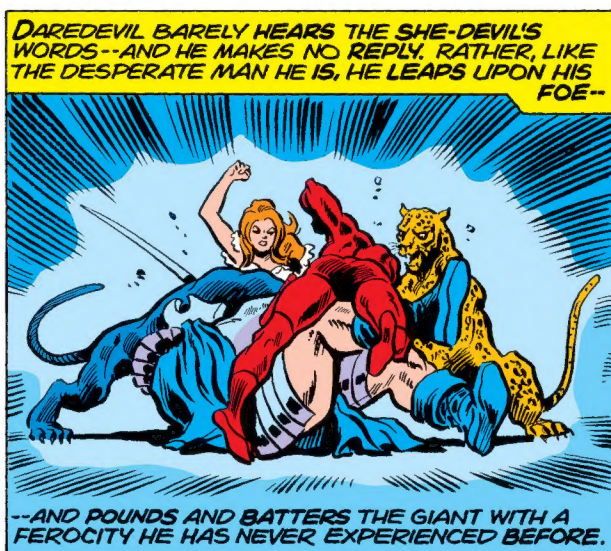
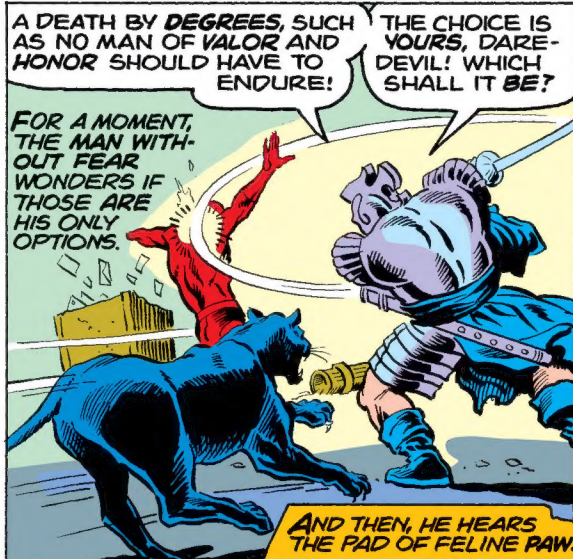
MY REFLEXES ARE SLOW-- MY HYPER-SENSES ARE DULLED--!

WHERE IS YOUR SENSE OF HONOR, MAN IN RED? STAND AND FIGHT!

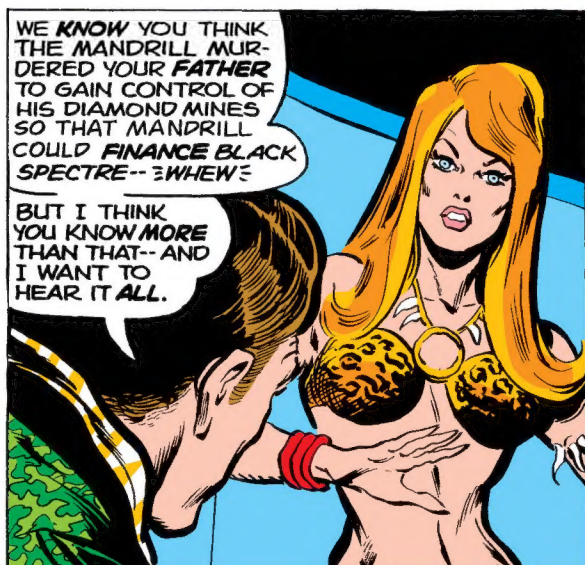
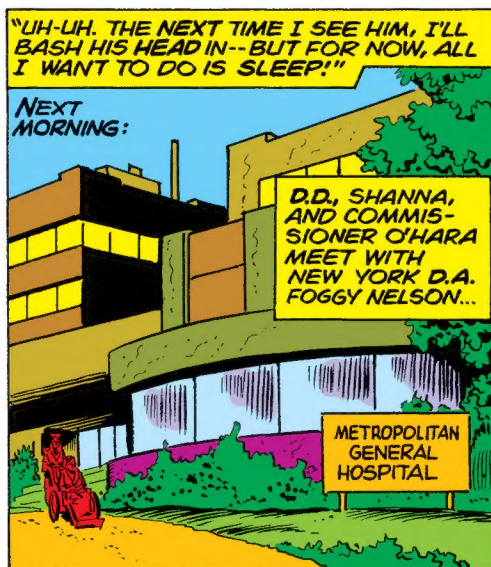
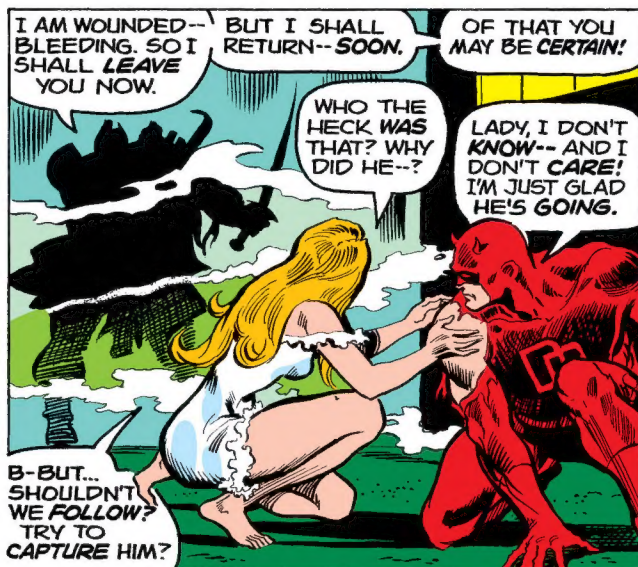






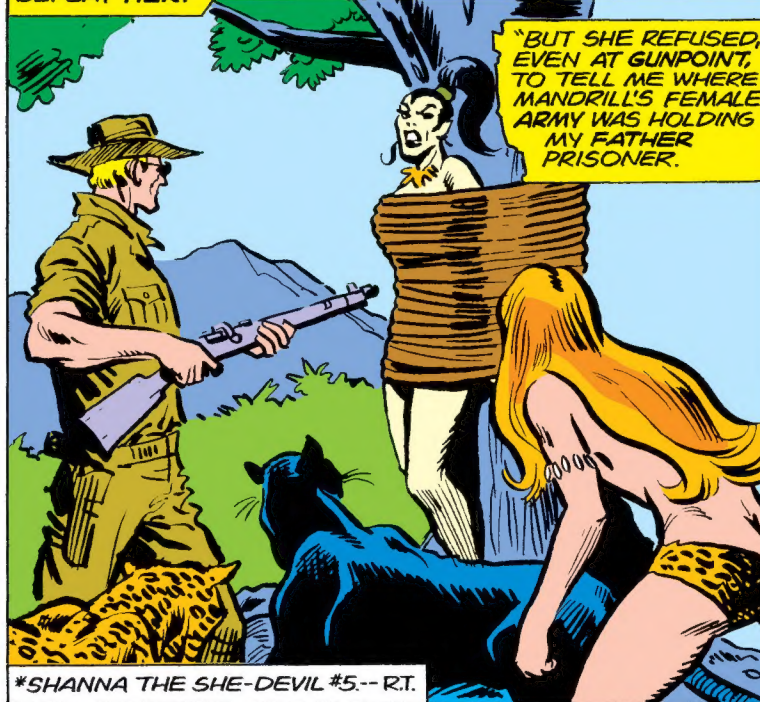








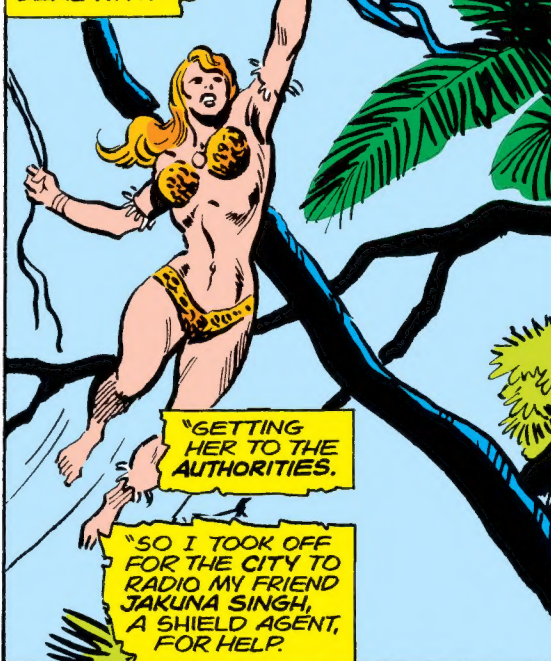
"ACTUALLY, THE STORY BEGINS MONTHS AGO. MANDRILL HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY SHIELD, BUT NEKRA, HIS PRIESTESS, CAME AFTER ME, SEEKING VENGEANCE. PATRICK McSHANE, THE GAME WARDEN AT DAHOMEY RESERVE, HELPED ME DEFEAT HER.\*



\*SHANNA THE SHE-DEVIL #5.--R.T.

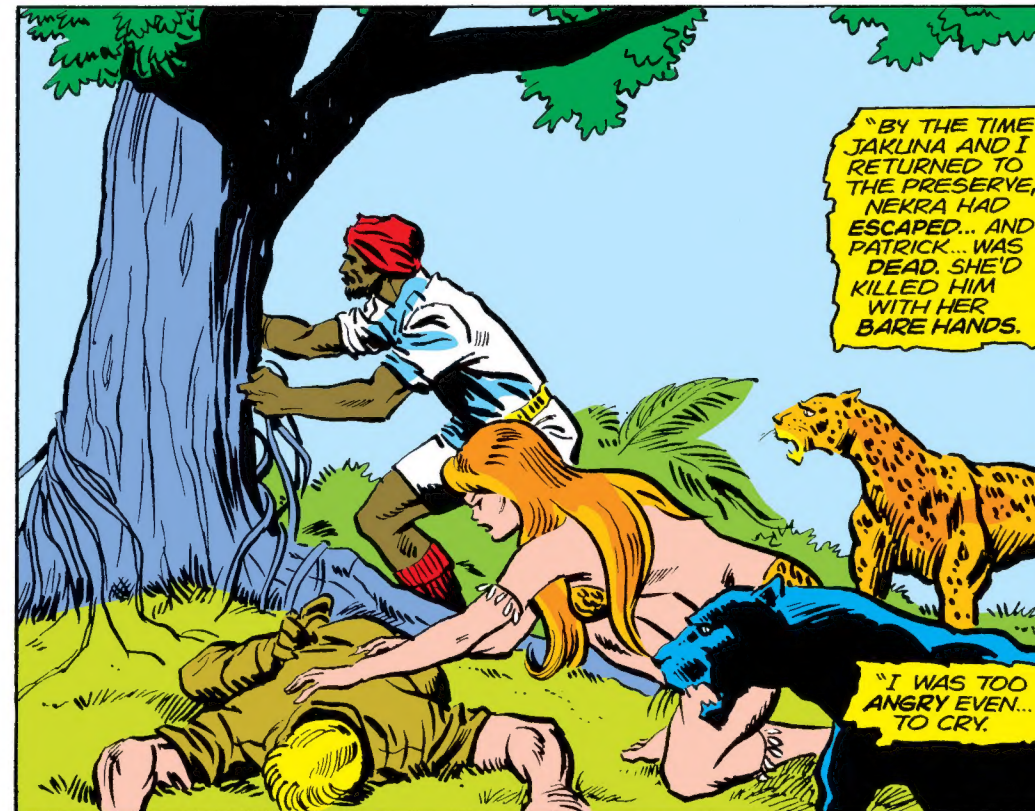
"BUT SHE REFUSED, EVEN AT GUNPOINT, TO TELL ME WHERE MANDRILL'S FEMALE ARMY WAS HOLDING MY FATHER PRISONER.

"WHEN WE WERE SURE SHE WASN'T GOING TO TALK, THERE WAS ANOTHER PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH:



"GETTING HER TO THE AUTHORITIES.

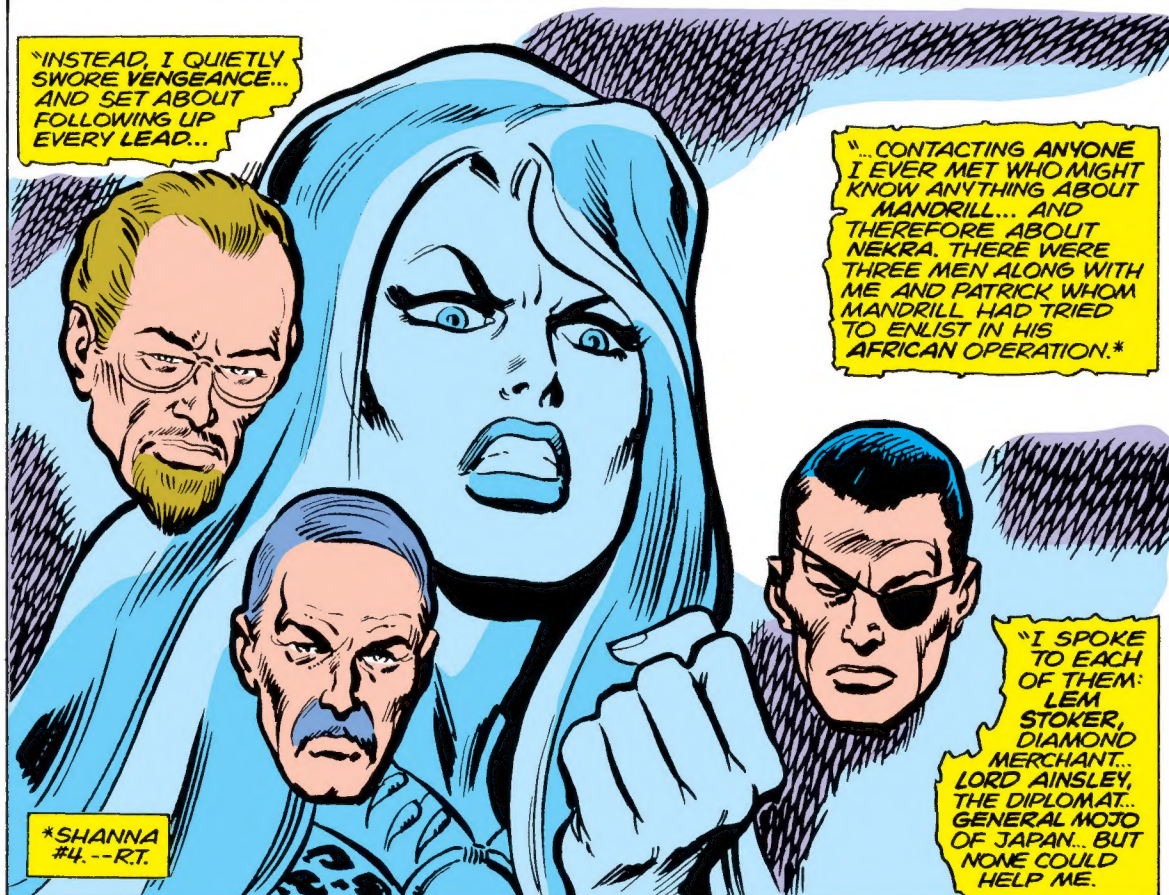
"SO I TOOK OFF FOR THE CITY TO RADIO MY FRIEND JAKUNA SINGH, A SHIELD AGENT, FOR HELP.



"BY THE TIME JAKUNA AND I RETURNED TO THE PRESERVE, NEKRA HAD ESCAPED... AND PATRICK... WAS DEAD. SHE'D KILLED HIM WITH HER BARE HANDS.

"I WAS TOO ANGRY EVEN... TO CRY.

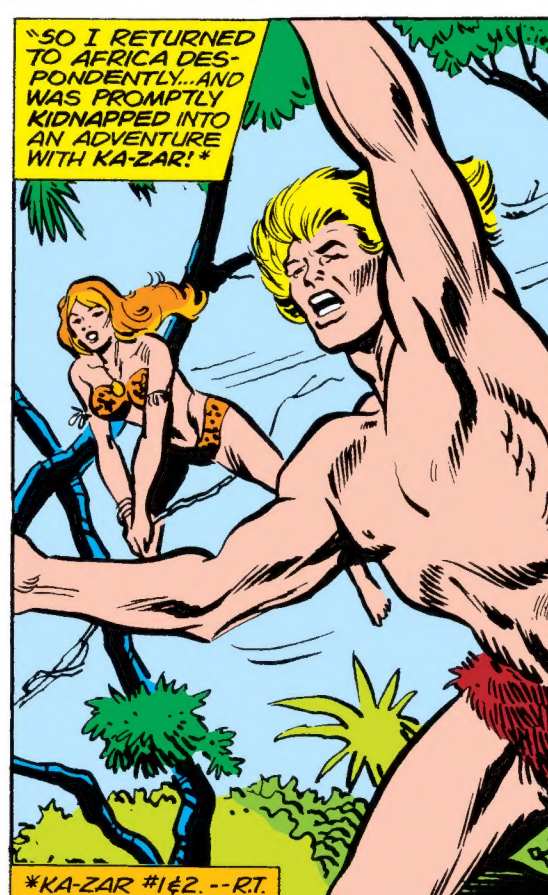
"INSTEAD, I QUIETLY SWORE VENGEANCE... AND SET ABOUT FOLLOWING UP EVERY LEAD...



"...CONTACTING ANYONE I EVER MET WHO MIGHT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MANDRILL... AND THEREFORE ABOUT NEKRA. THERE WERE THREE MEN ALONG WITH ME AND PATRICK WHOM MANDRILL HAD TRIED TO ENLIST IN HIS AFRICAN OPERATION.\*

"I SPOKE TO EACH OF THEM: LEM STOKER, DIAMOND MERCHANT... LORD AINSLEY, THE DIPLOMAT... GENERAL MOJO OF JAPAN... BUT NONE COULD HELP ME.

"SO I RETURNED TO AFRICA DESPONDENTLY...AND WAS PROMPTLY KIDNAPPED INTO AN ADVENTURE WITH KA-ZAR!\*



\*KA-ZAR #1&2.--R.T.

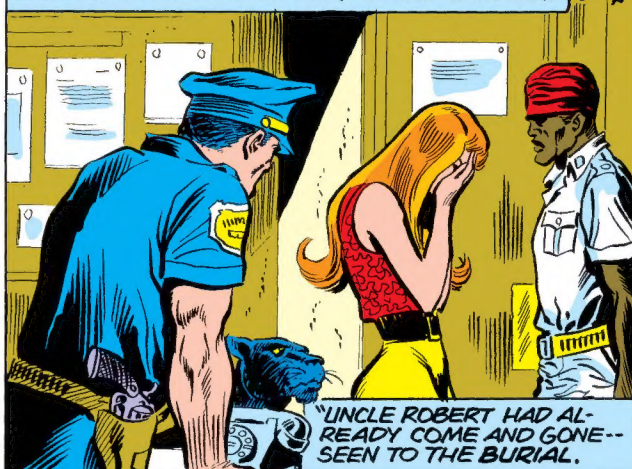
"BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY. WHEN I CAME BACK FROM THE SAVAGE LAND... THE NEW PRESERVE WARDEN HANDED ME A TELEGRAM WITH THE NEWS THAT MY FATHER HAD BEEN FOUND DEAD IN CAPETOWN.



\*SHANNA #4.--R.T.



"JAKUNA AND I WENT TO CAPETOWN TOGETHER-- AND THE AUTHORITIES THERE TOLD US THAT FATHER HAD BEEN MURDERED-- BY A PAID, PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN FROM WHAT THEY COULD GATHER.



"UNCLE ROBERT HAD ALREADY COME AND GONE-- SEEN TO THE BURIAL.

"BUT THERE WAS MORE BAD NEWS TO COME. JAKUNA HADN'T EVEN WANTED TO TELL ME-- THAT MANDRILL HAD ESCAPED FROM SHIELD WITH THE AID OF-- ARE YOU READY?-- SOMEONE WHO CUT OPEN THE WALL OF HIS PRISON CELL!"



SLICED OPEN--? HOW SLICED OPEN? A LASER? A BOMB? WHAT?

THE SHIELD PEOPLE WERE NEVER SURE, DAREDEVIL. WHY?

SHANNA, A DETECTIVE YOU'LL NEVER BE. TELL 'ER, RED.



DON'T YOU SEE, SHANNA? THE SHIELD AGENTS OVERLOOKED THE OBVIOUS--

--BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED IT IMPOSSIBLE. THAT PRISON WALL WAS SLICED OPEN WITH A BLADE!



OOH!

THE SILVER SAMURAI! HE'S PART OF BLACK SPECTRE!

AND POSSIBLY-- ACTING ON MANDRILL'S ORDERS-- YOUR FATHER'S MURDERER! I'LL HAVE MATT MURDOCK GET IN TOUCH WITH SHIELD AND CHECK-- HEY!

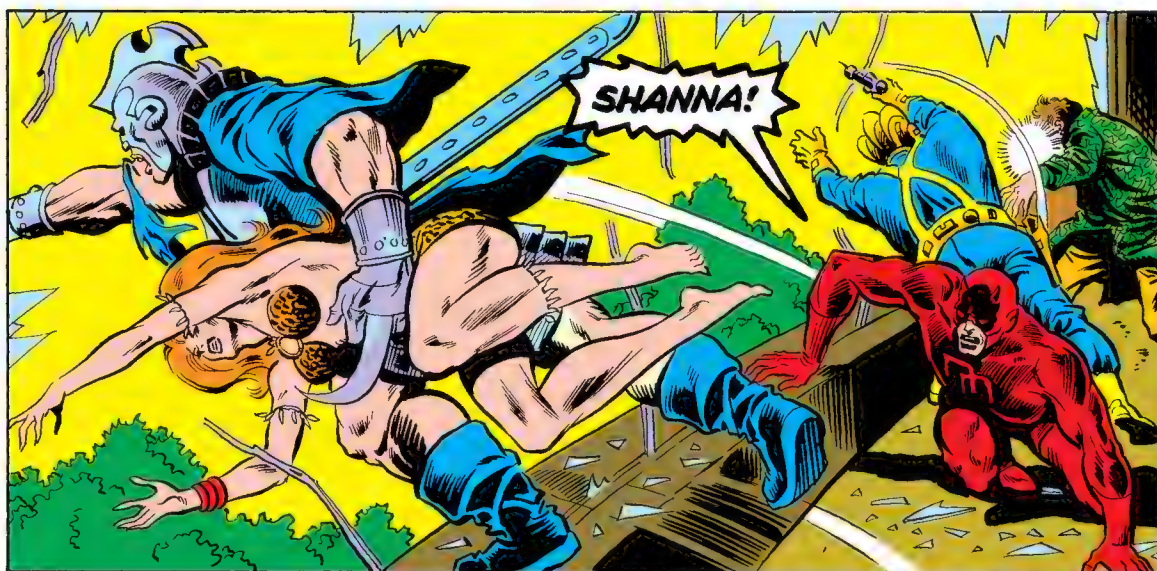
THAT REMINDS ME-- WHERE IS MATT? HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AT THIS MEETING, TOO!

UH...

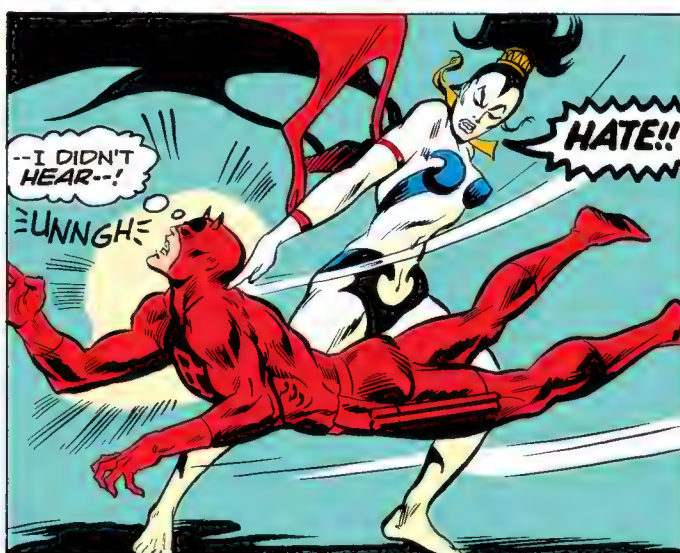
BUT BEFORE D.D. CAN EVEN UTTER HIS LAME ALIBI...













ALREADY REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS, SHANNA IS HANDED ABOARD THE BLIMP-SHAPED BLACK SPECTRE SKYCRAFT...

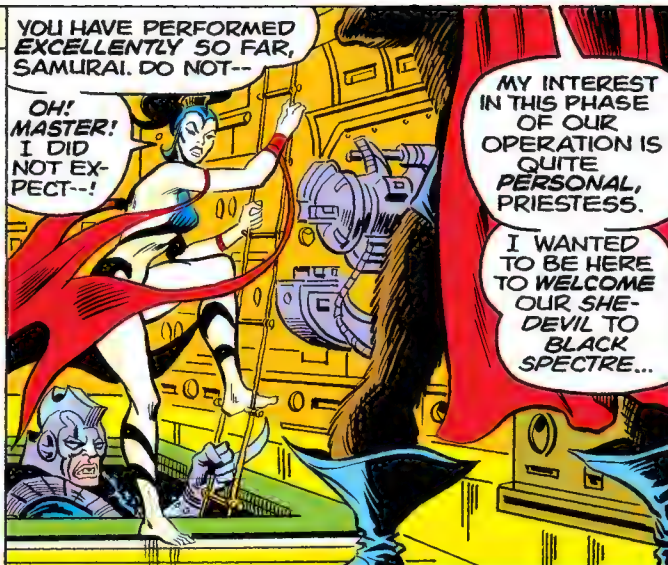


CAREFUL WITH HER, SISTER. THE MASTER WISHES HER ALIVE.

...FOLLOWED BY NEKRA AND THE SAMURAI!

YOU HAVE PERFORMED EXCELLENTLY SO FAR, SAMURAI. DO NOT--

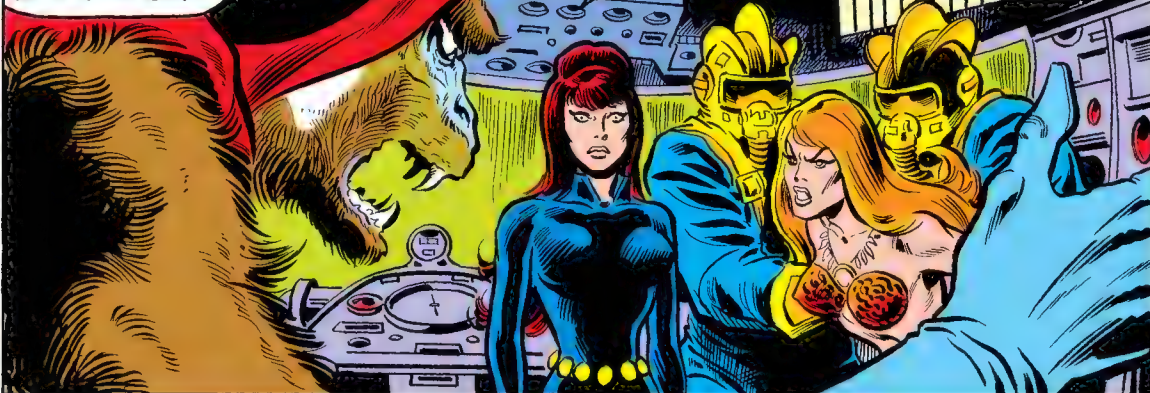
OH! MASTER! I DID NOT EXPECT--!



MY INTEREST IN THIS PHASE OF OUR OPERATION IS QUITE PERSONAL, PRIESTESS.

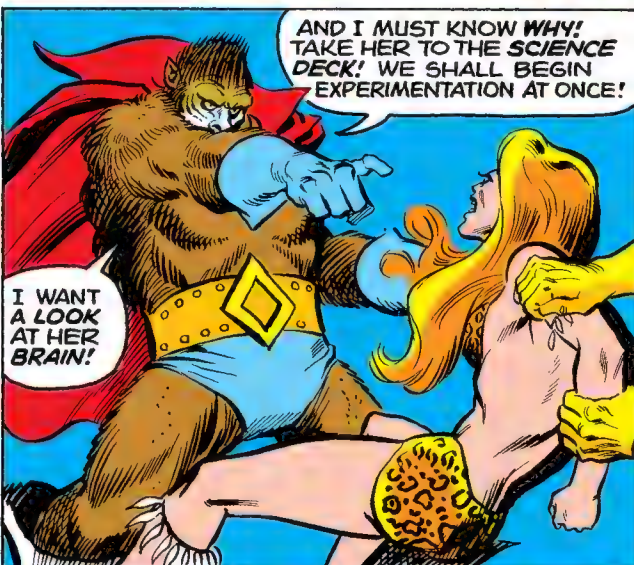
I WANTED TO BE HERE TO WELCOME OUR SHE-DEVIL TO BLACK SPECTRE...

...AND TO INTRODUCE HER TO OUR OTHER ILLUSTRIOUS GUEST... DAREDEVIL'S FORMER PARTNER IN PERIL, THE BLACK WIDOW.



SHE IS BUT ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY FEMALE ARMY NOW, DR. O'HARA. SHE LOVES ME-- AS DO ALL WOMEN--

--EXCEPT YOU! YOU ARE THE ONLY WOMAN TO RESIST MY, EH, ANIMAL MAGNETISM.



AND I MUST KNOW WHY! TAKE HER TO THE SCIENCE DECK! WE SHALL BEGIN EXPERIMENTATION AT ONCE!

I WANT A LOOK AT HER BRAIN!

AND TO YOU, SAMURAI-- MY COMPLIMENTS! AFTER THE MISSION TO-NIGHT, WE'LL CONSIDER YOUR FATHER'S DEBT TO ME REPAYED.

I SHALL BE FREE TO GO? TRULY?



YOU SHALL-- AND WITH MY THANKS!

"WHAT DEBT?" YOU ASK. WELL, WE'RE CURIOUS ABOUT THAT, TOO!



**BUT, FOR NOW AT LEAST, THERE ARE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO WHICH WE MUST LEND OUR COLLECTIVE ATTENTION:**

**--GONE! ALL OF THEM! HOW LONG--?**

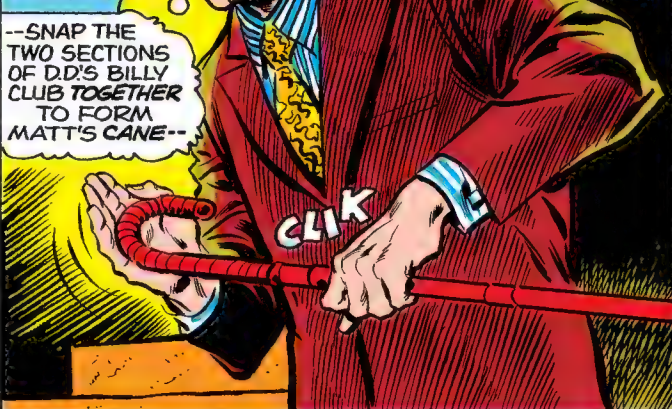
**I'D BETTER GET BACK INSIDE--  
CHECK ON  
FOGGY AND  
O'HARA!**



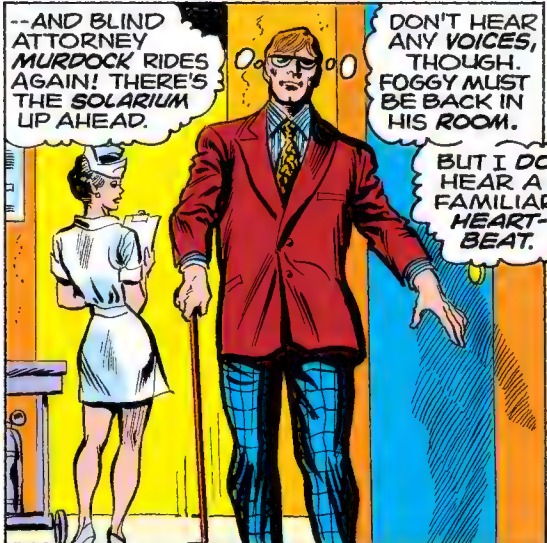
**BUT NOT  
AS D.D.!  
THIS  
TIME I  
GO AS  
MATT!**

**AND SO,  
IN A  
HOSPITAL  
STAIR-  
WELL, THE  
CHANGE  
IS MADE.**

**--SNAP THE  
TWO SECTIONS  
OF D.D.'S BILLY  
CLUB TOGETHER  
TO FORM  
MATT'S CANE--**



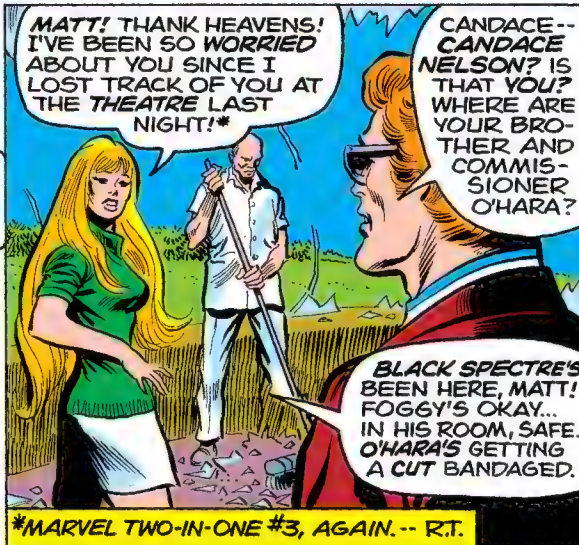
**--AND BLIND  
ATTORNEY  
MURDOCK RIDES  
AGAIN! THERE'S  
THE SOLARIUM  
UP AHEAD.**



**DON'T HEAR  
ANY VOICES,  
THOUGH.  
FOGGY MUST  
BE BACK IN  
HIS ROOM.**

**BUT I DO  
HEAR A  
FAMILIAR  
HEART-  
BEAT.**

**MATT! THANK HEAVENS!  
I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU SINCE I  
LOST TRACK OF YOU AT  
THE THEATRE LAST  
NIGHT!\***



**CANDACE--  
CANDACE  
NELSON? IS  
THAT YOU?  
WHERE ARE  
YOUR BROTHER  
AND  
COMMISSIONER  
O'HARA?**

**BLACK SPECTRE'S  
BEEN HERE, MATT!  
FOGGY'S OKAY...  
IN HIS ROOM, SAFE.  
O'HARA'S GETTING  
A CUT BANDAGED.**

**\*MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #3, AGAIN. -- R.T.**

**FOGGY SAID TO  
TELL YOU-- IF YOU  
EVER SHOWED  
UP-- THAT YOUR  
MEETING'S BEEN  
POSTPONED.**

**A REAL  
HUMORIST,  
THAT BROTHER  
OF YOURS.**

**FEEL LIKE  
A CUP OF  
COFFEE,  
CANDACE?**

**COFFEE  
SHOP**

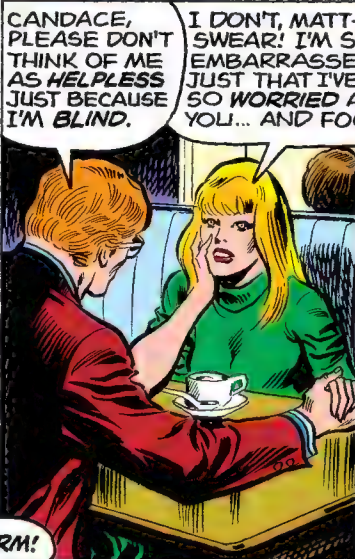
**LEAD THE W-  
OH!  
MATT,  
I'M  
SORRY!**



**HERE--TAKE MY ARM!**

**CANDACE,  
PLEASE DON'T  
THINK OF ME  
AS HELPLESS  
JUST BECAUSE  
I'M BLIND.**

**I DON'T, MATT-- I  
SWEAR! I'M SO  
EMBARRASSED! IT'S  
JUST THAT I'VE BEEN  
SO WORRIED ABOUT  
YOU... AND FOGGY...**



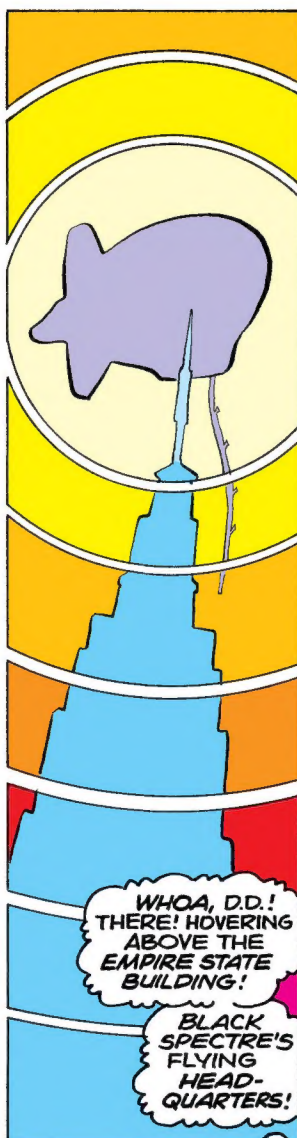
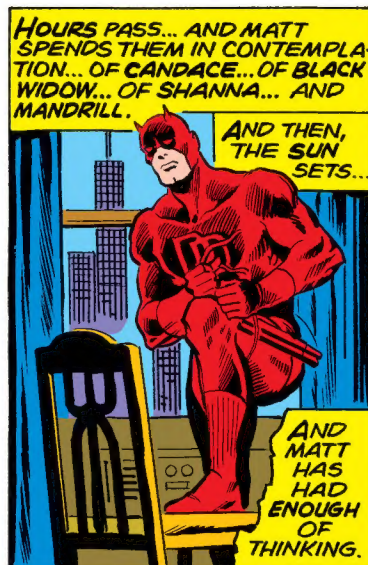
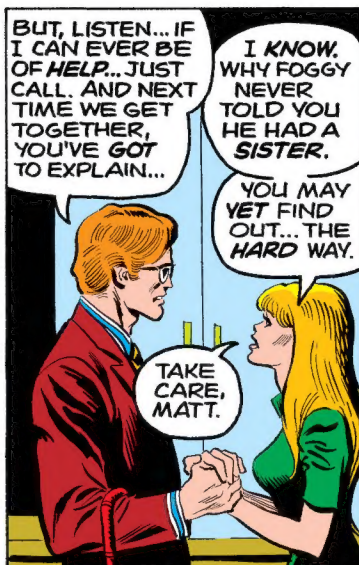
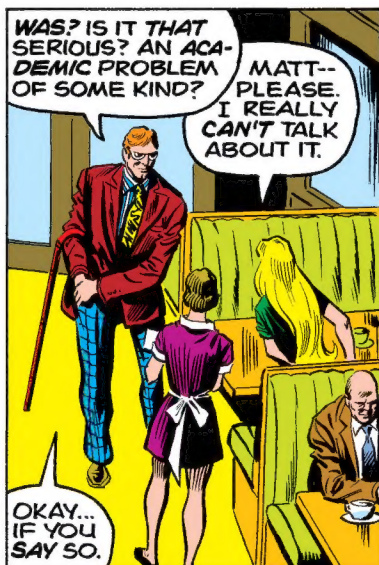
**AND, TOO, I'VE GOT  
MYSELF INVOLVED IN  
A MESS AT GRADU-  
ATE SCHOOL THAT I  
CAN'T EVEN TALK  
ABOUT.**

**THAT'S  
RIGHT...  
YOU'RE IN  
JOURNAL-  
ISM AT  
E.S.U, AREN'T  
YOU?**

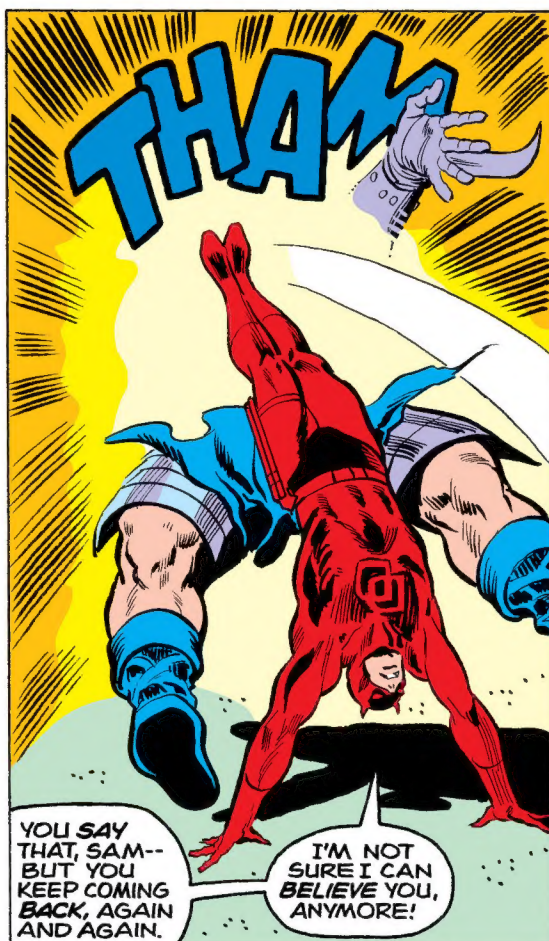
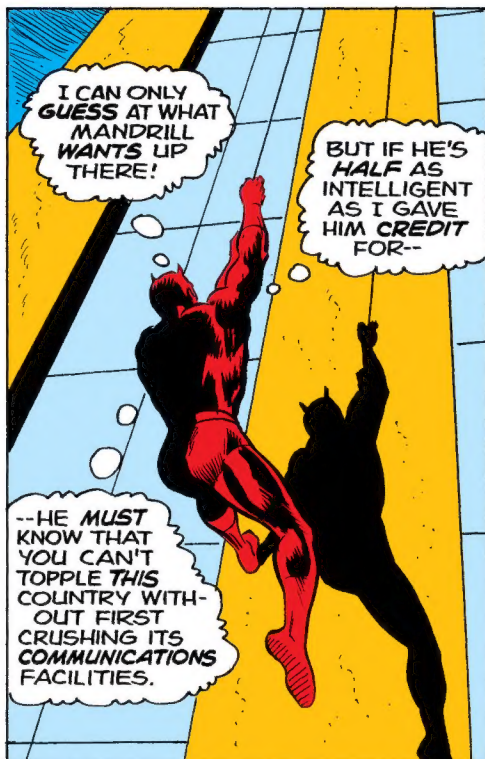
**I...  
WAS.**



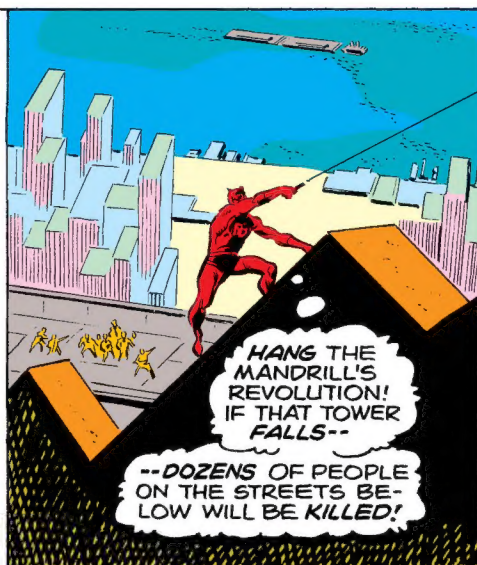
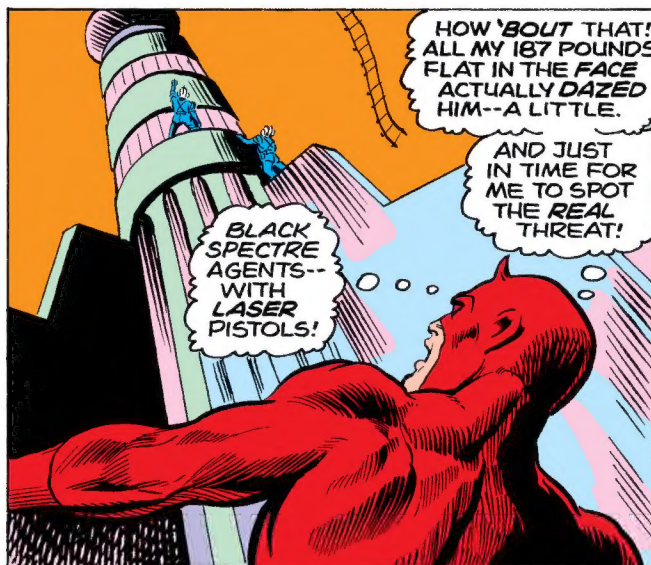




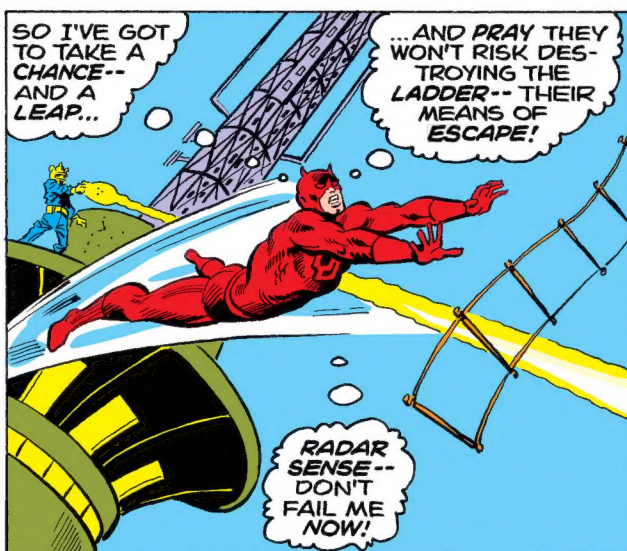
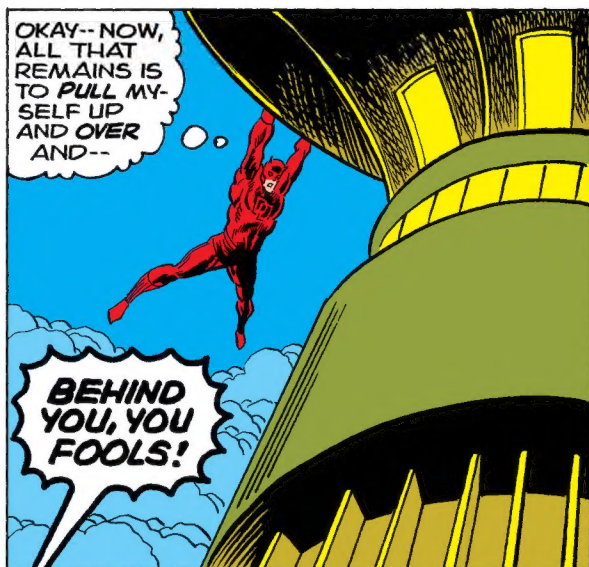












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